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Order Instituting Rulemaking to  
Continue Electric Integrated Resource  
Planning and Related Procurement  
Processes.

Rulemaking 20-05-003

**EMAIL RULING SETTING AUGUST 1, 2021 DEADLINE FOR LOAD  
SERVING ENTITIES TO FILE ALL PROCUREMENT DATA**

Dated April 9, 2021, at San Francisco, California.

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**Subject:** R.20-05-003: Email ruling setting August 1, 2021 deadline for load serving entities to file all procurement data

Dear Parties to R.20-05-003 (integrated resources planning (IRP) rulemaking):

Commission staff have relayed to me that they have been fielding questions from stakeholders about due dates for procurement data updates, due to a lack of clarity about due dates for load serving entities (LSEs) to provide the data, both for formal filing in this proceeding and informally for Commission staff.

The most recent scoping memo in this proceeding, issued September 24, 2020, includes in the schedule the expectation (in Section 4 on page 12) that LSEs would file an annual IRP data update, including progress towards Decision (D.) 19-11-016 requirements, in May 2021.

D.19-11-016, Ordering Paragraph 13, also states, in part: "All load serving entities serving load as of May 1 of every year beginning in 2020 shall provide the Commission staff with a data response detailing contract and resource information, to allow the Commission and stakeholders to monitor progress about system reliability and renewable integration. In years where an individual integrated resource plan (IRP) is required by Decision (D.) 18-02-018 to be filed, the same information shall be included in

each LSE's individual IRP. This standing data request may be updated from time to time, at least one month in advance of each due date, by Commission staff."

Last year's decision addressing backstop procurement related to D.19-11-016 requirements, D.20-12-044, Ordering Paragraph 1, states: "All load-serving entities with procurement obligations included in Decision (D.) 19-11-016 who did not opt out of providing capacity for their customers shall make compliance filings on February 1 and August 1 of 2021, 2022, and 2023, in a format developed and disseminated by Commission for the publicly-available portion, containing information about progress toward achieving the electric capacity procurement requirements for the years 2021, 2022, and 2023. These compliance filings are separate from any other integrated resource planning data filing requirements, but replace the filing dates previously included in D.19-11-016, except for the May 1 annual filing date required for all procurement data related to integrated resource planning."

Taken together, these requirements are consistent that procurement data updates would be due from all LSEs on May 1, 2021. However, a large amount of procurement data was included in the September 1, 2020 individual IRP filings of all LSEs, as well as the February 1, 2021 procurement data compliance filing to show progress toward D.19-11-016 goals. All of that data is still in the process of being analyzed, and it takes considerable time and resources of LSEs to compile the data and Commission staff to analyze that data.

At the same time, it is important for the Commission to have up-to-date information about procurement status of all LSEs, given ongoing concerns about summer electric system reliability in 2021.

Thus, this ruling postpones the required "annual" filing of procurement data referred to in the September 24, 2020 Scoping Memo, D.19-11-016 Ordering Paragraph 13, and D.20-12-044 Ordering Paragraph 1, to August 1, 2021 for this year only. The regular schedule after 2021 will be addressed in an upcoming decision. For this year, August 1, 2021 is concurrent with the required data filing to show progress towards D.19-11-016 goals. Filing all procurement data updates on this date will reduce the burden on both LSEs and Commission staff in producing and analyzing the procurement information.

In the meantime, any LSE that becomes aware of a material change to its procurement status affecting its ability to meet the August 1, 2021 procurement targets of D.19-11-016, should notify Commission staff informally as soon as practical after becoming aware of the change, and should make a formal compliance filing in this docket describing the change. It will also be incumbent on all LSEs to be responsive to any inquiries they may receive from Commission staff about project delivery status at any time.

**IT IS RULED that:**

- All load serving entities who fall within the Commission's authority for integrated resource planning in this proceeding shall file updated electricity procurement-related data, both for general procurement and procurement to satisfy the requirements of D.19-11-016 and D.20-12-044, by no later than August 1, 2021 (actually August 2, 2021, since August 1 falls on a Sunday).
- All load serving entities shall file their procurement-related data in a format specified by Commission staff and made available no later than July 1, 2021.
- If any load serving entity becomes aware of a material change to the status of a project needed to comply with its August 1, 2021 procurement target set in Decision 19-11-016, the load serving

entity shall notify Commission staff informally and shall make a compliance filing in this proceeding describing the change, as soon as practical after becoming aware of the change.

**The Docket Office shall formally file this email ruling.**

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Best regards,

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